Rrenumbering Pattern of passenger trains

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Details have not been worked out.

Accidents by D.T.C. Buses

171. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the accidents of DTC buses have been alarmingly increasing during the past few months;

(b) if so, the number of total accidents involving DTC buses, during the past one year ;

(c) the number of persons killed as a result thereof during the same period; and

(d) the exact causes of the involvement of DTC buses in accidents and the steps taken by Government against the reckless drivers of DTC buses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Compared to the six monthly period, January—June, 1988 where the accidents rate per lakh kilometres, involving DTC buses had been 1·31, it has declined to 1·27 in January-June, 1989.

(b) and (c) The details of accidents involving DTC buses during 1988-89 are as under ;

Minor	4124
Major	152
Fatal	211
Total	4487
Persons killed . . .	223

(d) Besides normal causative factors like driving habits, increase in vehicle population, consisting mixed mode of vehicles, both slow-moving and fast-moving also contributes to road accidents. Analysis of accident data involving DTC buses shows that rash and negligents driving, error in judgement, mechanical defects, lack of road sense both on the part of DTC crew and others have been the causes for accidents involving DTC buses. Embarkation/disembarkation in moving buses by passengers is also one of the causes for accidents. Steps taken to prevent accidents include training of drivers before putting them on duty, refreshers training programme enforcement of speed limits, provision of speed governors in city service buses, incentives for accident free record etc.

Entitlement of teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas for senior Pay-scales

172. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state ;

(a) whether it is a fact that teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas are entitled for grant of senior scales :

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and conditions of their admissibility to them ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the said scales have not been given to them ; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.